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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: SIERRA LEONE HAS NO DESIRE TO
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Classified By: Ambassador Thomas N. Hull for reasons 1.4 (b)and(d)

On June 22, Poloff met with Andrew Bangalie, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Director of Administration, to deliver reftel demarche. Bangalie stated that he was unsure if a representative for GoSL was present at the June 19 Human Rights Council (HRC) meeting. Bangalie had not heard of the OIC countries' plan to discuss controversial issues, particularly with respect to Israel, during the council meetings. He said he would be mindful and wary of any such developments. Bangalie also stated that having witnessed the failure of the Commission on Human Rights, he hoped that the new HRC would not get bogged down with similar controversial resolutions and would be able to make some progress.

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